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Alleged leakage of question papers of S.S.L.C. Examination, 1953.

* 1115 Q.—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state whether there had been any leakage of Science, English or any other question paper of S.S.L.C. Examination of 1953, and if so, what steps the Government propose to take in the matter?

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO:—"Enquiries show that there had been no leakage of question papers in the S.S.L.C. Examination, 1953. As regards the question paper in Telugu Text and Grammar of which a partial leakage at some of the centres is suspected, the matter is being investigated."

Rate of tax for soaking fibre in Malabar.

* 1116 Q.—SRI T. C. NARAYANA NAMBIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government received any representation from coir workers in Malabar especially from 10 soakers of Kannankara village, Kozhikode taluk, South Malabar, requesting to cancel the enhancement of tax for soaking fibre in Government land;

(b) what is the rate of tax per cent collected for granting channels and other such places for temporary occupation for non-agricultural purposes; and

(c) what is the rate of tax collected in 1947, 1950 and 1952?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—"(a) No representation was received by the Government on the subject from the coir workers or soakers of Kannankara village. They received such representations from the coir workers in certain other places in the district.

"(b) & (c)

Fasli 1357 (1st July 1947 to 30th June 1948)	Pies 4 per cent or Rs. 2 per acre subject to a minimum of Re. 1.
Fasli 1360 (1st July 1950 to 30th June 1951).	Do.
Fasli 1362 (1st July 1952 to 30th June 1953).	As. 6 per cent or Rs. 37–8–0 per acre."

Grant of wood to victims of fire accident in Karnata Nagepalli. Penukonda taluk.

* 1117 Q.—SRI T. LAKSHMINARAYANA REDDI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that 30 villagers of Karnata Nagepalli whose houses were burnt by fire accident in 1951 in Penukonda taluk applied for the grant of wood; and

(b) if so, what action was taken?

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THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (a) Yes.

" (b) The victims of the fire accident were offered unclassified timber. But, the grantees did not avail themselves of the concession."

Extension of Malampuzha irrigation scheme.

* 1118 Q.—SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received recently any representation regarding the extension of the Malampuzha scheme to Akathothera, Puduppariyaram, etc.; and

(b) if so, what action the Government have taken on the same?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" (a) & (b) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer given to Legislative Assembly Question No. 728 (59) answered on 20th July 1953."

Government Hospital of Indigenous Medicine.

* 1119 Q.—

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member Sri N. Gopala Menon is not in his place. The question and answer will be printed in the proceedings."

SRI N. GOPALA MENON : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government contemplate the gradual discontinuance of the Malabar system of treatment for rheumatism and allied diseases by " dhara ", " uzhichal ", etc., in the Government Hospital of Indigenous Medicine;

(b) whether the Government have considered the desirability of levying fees from well-to-do patients who undergo such treatment in the hospital and of providing special paying wards for them;

(c) the number of patients who have availed themselves of treatment in Pancha Karma ward during the current year;

(d) the number of wards and the nurses employed in the hospital;

(e) whether there have been any complaints about the diet supplied in the hospital and about the non-availability of medicines in sufficient quantities; and

(f) whether the Government have considered the desirability of constituting an Advisory Board or a panel of honorary non-official visitors to the hospital?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) The answer is in the negative.